Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 10 May 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 11 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 03:46 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for showery conditions on Wednesday and Thursday but more settled towards the weekend. Lower confidence about the amount and intensity of showers for each area and day.

Headline for Wednesday 10 May 2023: Early low cloud clearing, sunshine and showers, a few heavier afternoon showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 10 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain showers	Heavy Rain	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
20%	30%	40%	60%	40%	30%

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Weather: Eastern ranges may see some low cloud, mist and fog patches which will clear in the morning. A bright start to the day for most areas perhaps ranges further west seeing more cloud to start. Showers will develop, more readily in the west at first but spreading east through the morning. A few heavier showers likely in the afternoon and some thunder is a possibility. Showers tending to die out through the evening period with some late sunshine, remaining cloudier in the east.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, cloud associated with showers and early morning low cloud.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered cloud above 500m first thing in the morning, perhaps more patchy in the west, low cloud will lift and disperse to leave most summits clear for a good part of the morning. Lower cloud may become scattered above 600m in the afternoon in showers but summits often clear.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	28/31 SE	22/26 S	19/24 S	20/26 SW	14/18 SW	12/14 SE	9/12 SE
900	25/28 SE	21/25 S	18/23 S	20/26 SW	14/18 SW	11/14 SE	9/12 SE
600	16/19 SE	16/20 S	15/20 S	16/22 SW	11/16 S	6/10 SE	6/9 SE
300	0/15 SE	4/17 S	5/19 S	8/22 SW	5/15 S	1/9 SE	3/8 E
Glen	7/16 SE	9/18 SE	8/17 S	10/19 S	8/14 S	2/6 E	6/9 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-3	4/-2	5/-0	4/-1	4/-0	3/-1	3/-0
900	4/-2	4/-1	6/1	5/0	5/1	4/0	4/0
600	7/3	7/3	8/5	8/4	7/4	6/4	6/4
300	9/8	10/9	10/10	11/9	10/9	8/8	7/6
Glen	12/10	12/10	12/11	13/11	13/11	10/10	10/8
Freezing Level*	1700m	1700m	1700m	1600m	1400m	1400m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling warm in sunny spells but still chilly on the tops, especially in any heavier showers, there may be hail in a few heavy showers at height.

Forecast for Thursday 11 May 2023
Weather: Cloudy in the east initially otherwise a bright start further west. Further sunshine and showers developing during the day. Showers dying out in the evening but mist and fog likely to develop by the evening.

Maximum wind: North 10-15mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud above 500m will come and go during the day, during showers and early in the morning and later in the evening, perhaps less cloud likely in the west.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 rising to 13 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 rising to 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above all summits

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